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What the Mormons Believe.

The doctrine and covenants containing the revelation given to Joseph Smith are believed by the Latter Day Saints to be not only as sacred as the voice of God Himself, but the very utterances of God, given through His prophet, and therefore as binding as any command in the Old and New Testament. Though plural marriage was not originally practiced by the Mormons, and though it flatly contradicts several passages in the Book of Mormon, it is yet fitted into the general Mormon scheme of pre and after existence. This in short is what the Mormon man and the Mormon woman believe, writes Marion Bonnell in the August Housekeeper:

That, somewhere in Celob, the center of the universe, ruled by a triad God, Elchiam, or the Supreme God; Yahavah, or Christ, and Michael, or Adam—these three being represented in the Deity as the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and represented upon earth by the first presidency of the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints—namely, Joseph E. Smith and his two counselors who act with divine authority.

Michael, or Adam, who is the only God with whom the Mormon people is particularly concerned, is defined in the books held sacred by the church as "The Father of All, the Prince of All and the Ancient of Days," and again as "the only God with whom we have to do." Now God, or Adam, is a God of flesh, a materialist in every sense. His wives are women in as material a sense, the difference between a celestial and an earthly good being that, instead of blood, the veins of celestial beings are filled with a subtle fluid, which renders their bodies always beautiful, always rejuvenated.

Countless hundreds of years ago "the best God called to gather the gods and sat in grand council to bring forth the world." Far off in space they beheld this planet which we now inhabit and, perceiving it to be good, sent Michael, or Adam, with one of his wives to people it. Adam, eat of the tree of knowledge, transgressed to his greater glory, as without the fall there would have been no human race. Therefore it has been prearranged by the gods in council that in the fulness of time Yahavah, or Christ, should come to earth and atone for original sin. Christ, by Mormon belief, is the son of Adam by nature generation.

A Novel Damage Suit.

Lincoln News.

The Winston-Salem correspondent to the Charlotte Observer tells of a novel suit that will likely go clear through the Supreme Court before it is settled. A citizen of Pinnacle, N. C., sent a mule to a blacksmith to be shod and while the shoeing was going on the mule attempted to lay down and take a nap on the blacksmith. Of course the workman jumped out of the way and let the mule hit the ground. The mule also hit a sharp stick and died in a day or two. Whereupon the owner sues the blacksmith for damage. The case is very suggestive. Suppose for in-

stance the mule had sat down on the blacksmith and mashed him to jiblets? Wouldn't his family have a clear case against the owner of the mule? Sure There is damage to pay in every case one way or the other. If it can be proven that the Southern Railway brought the mule from out West somewhere, why both owner and blacksmith have a case against the company. Let's have a damage case all the time. What is life unless somebody can sue somebody else or the company? On with the dance, let joy be turned entirely loose.

The Influence on the Moon.

Charlotte Observer.

Prof. H. H. Hume, State horticulturalist, was one of the speakers at the farmer's institute at Cornelius, this county, Wednesday, and at the conclusion of his address announced his willingness to answer questions. The following paragraph from the Observer's report of the occasion is of great interest:

"Mr. David Elliott stated that a number of his farmer friends believed that there was a certain time of the moon, at which they should scatter the stable manure and plant potatoes and corn and he wanted to know what Mr. Hume thought of the matter. Mr. Hume explained that the moon had nothing to do with planting the crop or the yield. Mr. Elliott seemed satisfied, but Mr. J. N. Alexander, of Lemley's said that the next time a 'moon man' must be secured for the institute. The moon question is still a debatable one with some of the Mecklenburg farmers."

From the immemorial many farmers have planted "in the sign," have cut their timber in certain stages of the moon, and killed hogs. It is said if the moon is not right when hogs are killed the meat will shrivel. And now comes Prof. Hume and tells us that the moon has nothing to do with planting the crop or the yield, and if this is the case it of course has nothing to do with cutting timber or killing hogs. However this may be, a good many people will share Mr. J. N. Alexander's desire that a "moon man" be secured for the next institute—a man who will teach, for instance, that unless certain things are planted on Good Friday they would as well not be planted at all.

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Terrific Storm in Caldwell.

Lenoir Topic, 2nd.
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The greatest loss was the destruction of the new county iron bridge erected about a year ago by Burke and Caldwell counties at a cost of \$12,000. The bridge is a 11 down except its pillars which represent one third its cost. It is thought possibly some of the iron can be used for rebuilding. The upper part of the Rhoads Cotton Mill was blown off, but there was little damage to machinery, said to be between one and two two thousand dollars, which is fully covered by insurance. Two or three cottages were damaged, but there was no loss of life so reported. The crops near the mills in the course of the storm were considerably damaged. The gale crossed the Carolina & Northwestern Railroad just about the cliffs, but did no damage to the track.

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